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FROM : W. David Slawson

SUBJECT : Conference with the CIA on March 12, 1964

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MEMORANDUM

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At 11:00 a.m., on March 12, 1964 the following individuals gathered in J. Lee Rankin's office to confer on how best the CIA and the Commission could work together at this juncture to facilitate the remaining work of the Commission: J. Lee Rankin, Howard P. Willens, William T. Coleman, Jr., Samuel A. Stern, Burt Griffin, W. David Slawson, Richard Helms, and Raymond Rocca, the latter three from the CIA. The meeting lasted until about 1:15 p.m.

The first topic of conversation was Yuri Nosenko, the recent Soviet defector. A general discussion was held on this problem, with the CIA's recommendation being that the Commission await further developments.

The Commission's staff members pointed out to the CIA that we had developed materials which might be of help to the CIA in assessing the Russian situation, in particular, the testimony of Marina Oswald, Robert Oswald, Marguerite Oswald, John Martin and other witnesses scheduled to appear before the Commission. Mr. Rankin pointed out that it was established Commission policy that transcripts of testimony were not to be taken out of the offices of the Commission but that we would of course make these transcripts available in our offices to CIA representatives. It was agreed that a CIA man would come over in the near future to read these transcripts, especially Marina's, and that they would contact either

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